

# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

## Executive Summary

In 2017, Joe worked effectively to serve Hoosiers. Twelve of his provisions were signed into law last year and, since he began serving in the Senate in 2013, he has had 35 measures enacted overall. Joe was successful in advancing legislation through his tireless efforts and by partnering with Republican colleagues. His bipartisanship is driven by his belief that the best way to represent Hoosiers is by supporting the best ideas, regardless of whether they come from a Republican or Democrat. Joe was again recognized as one of the most bipartisan Senators. In March 2017, the Lugar Center and the McCourt School of Public Policy at Georgetown University rated Joe as the second-most bipartisan U.S. Senator. In December, the Lugar Center and McCourt School announced Joe is the second-most bipartisan U.S. Senator since 1993 and the highest-ranking Senator currently serving in the Senate.

Joe's office also continued to deliver on its promise of providing Hoosiers with quality customer service and assistance by helping constituents in all 92 counties to resolve issues with federal agencies, such as obtaining Medicare, Social Security, or veterans' benefits.

Among Joe's accomplishments over the past year:

- Joe visited 92 counties, and hosted or participated in 544 events and meetings in 129 cities and towns over 192 days in Indiana.
- Joe's office worked on 1,857 cases for Hoosiers seeking assistance with federal agencies, resulting in more than \$2.57 million in federal benefits returned to constituents.
- Joe's office heard from Hoosiers in all 92 counties and logged 687,508 contacts, including emails, calls, mail, and faxes.
- Joe supported over 70 grant applications for projects across Indiana and more than \$16 million in federal funding came back to the state with his support.

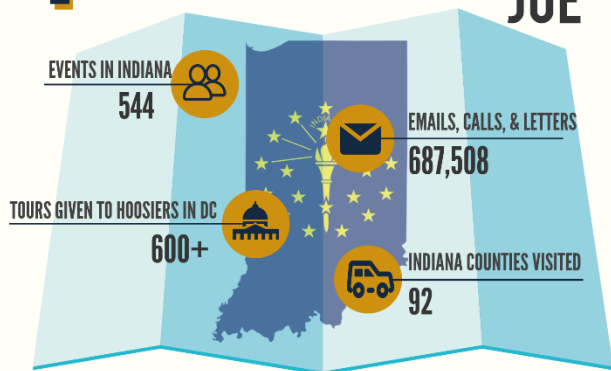
### NWI Times: Donnelly earns top marks for bipartisanship from Lugar think tank

U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly, D-Ind., not only is among the senators most likely to work across party lines in today's narrowly divided chamber, but a new analysis finds Donnelly is the second-most bipartisan lawmaker to serve in the Senate since 1993.

December 31, 2017

## 4 HIGHLIGHTS

## 2017 WITH JOE



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Highlights of Joe's Legislative Work Delivering Results for Hoosiers:

**Implementation of Jacob Sexton Military Suicide Act:** Joe's signature legislation has been implemented throughout the Armed Forces, including the Indiana National Guard. The law seeks to prevent military suicide by requiring all servicemembers — Guard, Reserve, and Active Duty — to have an annual mental health assessment.

**Countering North Korea:** Joe's provision requiring a comprehensive strategy from the White House to confront the threat posed by North Korea was signed into law as part of the annual national defense bill. The President also signed into law legislation Joe helped shape that increases sanctions on North Korea, as well as Iran and Russia.

**Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act:** Joe's bipartisan legislation with Senator Young (R-IN) to support law enforcement mental health programs passed the Senate and House. The bill was signed into law and will help law enforcement agencies establish or enhance mental health services for their officers.

**\$11 million in Federal Funding for Indiana to Address Opioid Epidemic:** Through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Cures Act, which Joe pushed to enact, he helped Indiana secure nearly \$11 million in federal grant funding that will support opioid abuse prevention, treatment, and recovery services across the state.

**VA Prescription Data Accountability Act:** Joe's bipartisan legislation with Senator Mike Rounds (R-SD) to help the Department of Veterans Affairs more effectively identify and treat opioid abuse among veterans and their dependents was signed into law.

**Vietnam Veterans War Day:** Joe's bipartisan bill with Senator Pat Toomey (R-PA) permanently designating March 29<sup>th</sup> as National Vietnam War Veterans Day became law. In March 2018, Joe will host an event in Indiana to honor Hoosier Vietnam veterans, many of whom did not receive the recognition they deserved when they came home following their service.

**Wounded Officer Recovery Act:** Joe partnered with Senators Jeff Flake (R-AZ), Rand Paul (R-KY), and Chris Murphy (D-CT) on legislation signed into law that expands eligibility of the United States Police Memorial Fund to include any U.S. Capitol Police employee seriously injured in the line of duty, like those injured in the shooting at the Congressional Baseball game practice in Virginia.

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